

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN

I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim
June 7 - 15, 2014

WATER WEEK

WHEREAS, Michigan is home to more than 11,000 inland lakes, 36,000 miles of rivers and streams, 5.5 million acres of wetlands, and 3,200 miles of shoreline and provides drinking water to millions of Michigan residents; and,

WHEREAS, water is the state's most significant resource, with the Great Lakes containing one-fifth of the world's freshwater and providing our state with economic and social benefits such as tourism, fishing, manufacturing, and agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, water quality is not only vital to the health of Michigan's vast ecosystems, but it is crucial for human health; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan has taken the lead in protecting the Great Lakes from aquatic invasive species from pathways including ballast water, canals and waterways, organisms in trade, and recreational activities; and,

WHEREAS, education and community awareness of our valuable water resources will aid in conservation and provide the opportunity for unity among government, environmental groups, businesses, and residents all working toward the shared goal of helping Pure Michigan stay pure; and,

WHEREAS, during this week, we encourage Michiganders to enjoy the state's waters and its vast natural resources, but to also learn more about current water-related issues, including the presence and impact of invasive species in the Great Lakes, in an effort to protect and preserve water resources for Michigan's future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Snyder, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 7, through Sunday, June 15, 2014 as Water Week in Michigan.

A blue ink signature of Rick Snyder.

Rick Snyder
Governor

